

centuries of struggle and sacrifice on behalf of us all. Members of our armed services valiantly serve and strive to keep us safe, protect our way of life, and defend freedom whenever and wherever it is in harm's way. This June 14th—the day we also celebrate Flag Day—reminds us of the meaning of patriotism and the importance of service to country.

As there are Army birthday celebrations going on across the country—and the world—today, we should once again pause to remember the dedication of our brave men and women in uniform and their commitment to "Duty, Honor, Country."

To every member of our military—whether a veteran, active duty, or reserve—and your families, we say, thank you. You have helped, and continue to help keep our country free, safe, and secure. We honor your dedication and continual sacrifices.

And to the Army on this day, I say, Happy Birthday. Thank you for helping to keep America safe and free for us and the next generation. As the Army's slogan states: "Army Strong."

TRIBUTE TO KAZAKHSTAN AMBASSADOR KANAT SAUDABAYEV

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to send my best wishes to the new Kazakhstan Secretary of State, Kanat Saudabayev. Before assuming his new position, Secretary Saudabayev served as the Kazakh Ambassador to the United States for almost 7 years. During this time, I have had the privilege of working closely with Secretary Saudabayev in strengthening the relationships between Kazakhstan, the United States, and particularly Louisiana.

On May 15, 2007, Ambassador Saudabayev was appointed to the position of Secretary of State for Kazakhstan. This elevation follows a two-decade career as a diplomat. His postings include such important nations as the United Kingdom and Turkey during the 1990s. In December 2000, Secretary Saudabayev was selected as the Ambassador to the United States.

Secretary Saudabayev has proven what a skilled diplomat can do in Washington. Representing a young nation with immense potential, he has built Kazakhstan's reputation as a reliable ally in the war on terrorism and a pro-American voice in Central Asia.

While Ambassador, Secretary Saudabayev helped arrange two White House meetings between President Bush and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, promoted massive U.S. investment in his country, and even turned a satirical movie about Kazakhstan into a promotional vehicle to attract tourists.

Additionally, I must express my personal thanks for Secretary Saudabayev and Kazakhstan's contributions to my home State of Louisiana. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Secretary Saudabayev presented \$50,000 in dona-

tions to St. Bernard Unified School and education in New Orleans and made a significant donation to the Bush-Katrina Fund on behalf of Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan and Louisiana have a unique and unprecedented relationship. Through Secretary Saudabayev's dedication and hard work, Kazakhstan and Louisiana have executed a direct trade agreement, a conduit of business and ideas between my home State and Kazakhstan. In addition to this, Secretary Saudabayev has been working with Congressman MELANCON and me to expand Louisiana's business presence in Kazakhstan. For example, we have been working toward opening Kazakhstan's energy markets to Louisiana companies.

Although Kazakhstan is a young nation, it has shown tremendous progress and occupies an enviable place in the international community. Secretary Saudabayev has made significant contributions to the establishment of strong and friendly relations between Kazakhstan and the United States, and I am confident that through his new role as the Secretary of State, he will continue to do so. Therefore, I would like to congratulate Secretary Saudabayev and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

HONORING CAXTON PRINTERS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I wish to honor one of Idaho's oldest businesses—Caxton Printers of Caldwell, ID. This year they are celebrating their 100th anniversary; they are older than many Caldwell mainstays including the J.R. Simplot Company and the Caldwell Night Rodeo.

For 100 years, Caxton Printers has served the people of Idaho. Their ideals are reflected in the statement of one of the founders, J.H. Gipson: "Books to us never can or will be primarily articles of merchandise to be produced as cheaply as possible and to be sold like slabs of bacon or packages of cereal over the counter. If there is anything that is really worthwhile in this mad jumble we call the Twentieth Century, it should be books."

Well, times have certainly changed since then. One can only imagine what Mr. Gipson would say about the 21st century. Caxton Printers, though, continues to survive by focusing on quality—both in their service and in their product. My staff and I know this firsthand.

What they do for us, though, is just a sliver of their storied history.

During their first 100 years, the family-run business has been a shining example of a couple bootstrappers making it in the rural West. In fact, at one point, they were the exclusive printing and binding company west of Kansas City, and in the 1920s they decided to help western writers receive the attention they deserved. By 1928, they had produced five titles. Output steadily grew, and by 1936 they had released

well over 100 new books. While they lost money on virtually every book published before World War II, Mr. Gipson "felt repaid in producing at least a book or two which have a fair chance of gaining a place in the permanent literature of our country." Well, Caxton's most famous author, Ayn Rand, certainly achieved that acclaim.

Caxton Printers has helped to preserve and tell the history of the West. In addition to focusing their publishing on nonfiction books about the West, they have served as the Idaho State Textbook Depository since 1927. Just about every student in Idaho has been impacted by Caxton Printers. I can tell you that this Senator certainly appreciates all they do to preserve and tell the stories of the people, places, and events that shaped the West.

Over the past 100 years, Caxton Printers and the Gipson family have experienced a lot and, through it all, have prospered while remaining true to J.H. Gipson's philosophy of producing high-quality books and products. They make Idaho, and the West, proud.

DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to call to the attention of my colleagues that the week of June 3 to 10 was Dystonia Awareness Week. The Dystonia Advocacy Coalition, through the commemoration of this week and a number of other outreach activities, sought to raise awareness of dystonia, a neurological disorder.

Dystonia is a movement disorder that causes the muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily. There is presently no cure, and although remarkable progress has been made in unraveling the causes and mechanisms of dystonia, the availability of effective treatments is limited. Approximately 50 percent of patients with dystonia have a genetically inherited form while the other half suffers from dystonia as a result of birth injury, physical trauma, exposure to certain medications, surgery, or stroke. Estimates suggest dystonia affects at least 300,000 people in North America.

Given the prevalence and limited treatment options for this disorder, I call on my colleagues to increase support for the National Institutes of Health, which funds dystonia research through the National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke, NINDS, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, NIDCD, and the National Eye Institute, NEI.

I have consistently supported increases in NIH funding in the past and recently signed onto a letter asking for a 6.7 percent increase in NIH funding for the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill. The lack of treatment options and a cure for serious conditions like dystonia underscores the overall need to support basic science and translational research that allows for

the transfer of discoveries from the laboratory bench to actual medical treatments. I am continuing to develop legislation to enhance our Federal translational research efforts. I believe we can and must bring new treatments for diseases such as dystonia to the public faster than ever.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR REBEKAH FRESE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the accomplishment of a particularly talented student from my home State of Iowa. Rebekah Frese has been chosen to present her National History Day documentary, "Boarding the Freedom Train: The Underground Railroad in Iowa," at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. I congratulate her on this achievement and commend her for her hard work and determination in creating such a wonderful project.

Rebekah's documentary highlights the significant role Iowa and Iowans played in the effort to ensure the safety of escaped slaves prior to the American Civil War. She is a student at the Lenihan Intermediate School in Melbourne, IA and was selected as one of 22 presenters out of 2000 finalists that attended the National History Day national contest at the University of Maryland June 10 to 14.

In Iowa, we take great pride in our educational system, and it is personally rewarding when one of our students sets themselves apart at the national level. Programs such as National History Day give students opportunities to succeed through hard work and determination, encouraging what is at the heart of the American spirit. I appreciate National History Day and its commitment to improving the teaching and learning of American history in our schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make special mention of teachers Millie Frese and Karen Roessler, who offered their assistance and encouragement to Rebekah while undertaking this difficult project. Quality teachers like these motivate and inspire students to push themselves to realize their potential. By helping to shape citizens and future leaders, teachers like Millie Frese and Karen Roessler are indispensable parts of our democracy. Once again, congratulations, Rebekah, for your first-class work bringing greater awareness to Iowa's role in the Underground Railroad.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING LINDA DAVIS AND BRIGID O'CONNOR

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I wish to honor Linda Davis and Brigid O'Connor. I want to recognize their public service, their courage, and their dedication. As public health nurses in Lake

County, MT, they worked tirelessly since last year to manage the care of a person diagnosed with tuberculosis. They did this while continuing to ensure the safety of other Lake County residents.

Let me share with you a little more about Linda and Brigid.

Linda Davis has been the director of nursing services for the Lake County Health Department since 1991. Her vision and leadership have transformed Lake County's nursing services. Under her guidance, the office staff has grown from 3 to 15. And services have become more comprehensive.

For Linda, public health is about creating programs that address all the community's needs. Linda's resourcefulness and ingenuity have made her a success. She continues to overcome barriers and move forward. This current example of patient care shows that.

Linda is a dedicated public servant. She has worked in public health for 29 years, all in Lake County. And Linda is a fine example of Montana's education system. She is a graduate of the Montana State University-Bozeman School of Nursing.

Brigid O'Connor is the communicable and infectious disease nurse for Lake County. She has worked in public health for the last 10 years, all in Lake County. Before that, she worked in home health. Although Brigid is not originally from Montana, she has spent her entire nursing career in our great State. Brigid also received her degree from the Montana State University-Bozeman School of Nursing. Before moving to Montana, she spent some time in India working with leprosy patients. This experience moved her to pursue nursing. Brigid is a compassionate, driven, and dedicated professional.

The residents of Lake County are fortunate to be served by such outstanding nurses as Linda and Brigid.

The Lake County Health Department's handling of this case is exemplary. It worked because Linda and Brigid focused on patient education and community awareness. They balanced respect for a patient's rights with taking appropriate steps to protect public health.

Lake County is a low-incidence area. That means that these cases are uncommon. Typically, one patient a year is diagnosed with tuberculosis in Lake County. And that makes Linda's and Brigid's ability to react effectively even more impressive.

And people are recognizing Linda's and Brigid's handling of this case. The Montana Tuberculosis Officer is presenting the case at the Centers for Disease Control's annual meeting on tuberculosis.

This case exemplifies the creativity of individuals across Montana. It highlights their resourcefulness. The Lake County Health Department has been able to use emergency preparedness funds to help create an infectious dis-

ease response program. These funds have also allowed them to step up their after-hours capabilities.

Linda and Brigid worked with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in caring for this individual and the community. Responding to a challenge like tuberculosis requires cooperation, ingenuity, and hard work.

I am very proud, not only of Linda and Brigid's work, but of all of Montana's State and local health officials.

We are lucky in Montana. Even though we are a big State with a small population, we are well prepared to respond to such public health challenges because of our dedicated and capable public health professionals.

Working together, the Montana health care community has found ways to beat challenges like these, despite apparent obstacles.

We depend on our public health professionals to constantly come up with creative ways to respond to such challenges while continuing to provide high quality care for the sick.

Linda and Brigid are two such professionals. It is my honor to recognize them here today in the Senate. And it is an honor to be able to work with them to create a safe and healthy Montana. •

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today I recognize three New Mexico students who participated in the National History Day contest that took place earlier this week at the University of Maryland. More than half a million students in grades 6 through 12 from all over the country prepared research projects to be presented at local- and state-level competitions this year. I am very proud that three New Mexico students were chosen to present their National History Day projects at the National Portrait Gallery here in Washington yesterday.

Ryan Andrews-Armijo and Ashley Page, from Moriarty Middle School, used this year's National History Day theme: "Triumph and Tragedy in History" to produce a documentary entitled "Breaking the Unwritten Rules." Ryan and Ashley put in many hours of hard work, researching the 1966 Texas Western Miners basketball team. I commend them for their excellent work.

Shannon Burns, from Los Alamos Middle School, filmed a documentary entitled: "Léará Dóchas (Ray of Hope) The Irish Triumph over Tragedy in America." Shannon did a superb job in putting together a beautiful documentary about the history of Irish immigration in America.

Along with these three exceptional New Mexico students, I would also like to recognize their outstanding teachers: Ms. Bethany Vaughn from Moriarty and Ms. Gayle Beckett from Los Alamos. These teachers have demonstrated great skill and commitment